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North Dakota Department of Health Coordinates Provision of Medical Services at Lewis and Clark Youth Rendezvous

BISMARCK, N.D. – Health-care professionals are volunteering their time this week to provide medical services to students who have traveled here for the Lewis and Clark Youth Rendezvous, according to Brenda Vossler, hospital emergency preparedness coordinator for the North Dakota Department of Health.

“We were contacted by the North Dakota National Guard, who is hosting the event, about providing medical services for students attending the event,” Vossler said. “We sent a request out to our volunteer registry and through our Division of Emergency Medical Services and we were very pleased with the response. This event has been a great chance to partner with and build relationships with the National Guard, health-care professionals and EMS professionals.”

The Lewis and Clark Youth Rendezvous, hosted by the North Dakota National Guard, has brought more than 270 students from around the country to North Dakota this week to follow the Lewis and Clark trail. The event is centered around the 200th anniversary of the Corps of Discovery. The event started August 13th and will run through August 18th.

Medical volunteers at the event this week have responded to many medical needs, such as bee stings, asthma attacks, dehydration and migraine headaches. Hospitals in the area also were alerted about the event and ready to receive patients in case of a more serious illness or injury.

“The response from EMS professionals has been great,” said Tim Meyer, director of the Division of Emergency Medical Services for the North Dakota Department of Health. “Partnerships like this allow us not only to provide needed services, but allow us to train and prepare for responding to emergencies.”

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